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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Intelligence

SUBJECT: State Department policy with regard to release of intelligence and policy papers to CIA

REFERENCE: Fisher Howe's letter of 11 July 1952

1. Transmitted herewith are comments by OIC, ORR, OSI, and OCI on the above subject. ONE's memo to you of 18 July, subject "Requirements", provides its comment on the same problem.
2. My own views coincide closely with those held by ONE. I believe that CIA will not successfully perform its mission until it has access to the briefing papers prepared in advance of conferences, and to the cable traffic which reports on day-to-day developments in the conferences. The argument that these are too sensitive to be seen by CIA is not very sound, for they receive fairly wide circulation in the policy desks of State and, very often, in the Department of Defense and MSA as well. OIC expresses the belief that they are also seen by the R area of State, which screens them and decides which may be seen by CIA. I'm unable to disprove this hypothesis, but I do doubt its accuracy: I suspect that the R area's insistence that it must have copies of everything which goes to CIA may sometimes work to our disadvantage, as it serves to widen the distribution.
3. I agree with ONE that we will not get satisfactory coordination with State until the R area is bypassed by a policy level understanding between the DCI and the Secretary of State. The covert offices have direct liaison with the policy areas of State, and with the Secretary's office, through Mr. Joyce of the Policy Planning Staff. I believe that the overt offices also require such a channel, though it is certain that the R area will object to any such proposal.
4. It must be noted that we have been getting much better service on cables from the Executive Secretariat since Monday, July 21st. The volume of S/S cables has more than doubled, and it has included much material of a sort which we formerly did not receive. I do not know whether this improvement will prove more than temporary, or whether it is due to efforts by Fisher Howe on our behalf.

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